

Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Guatemala for the Return of Stolen, Robbed, Embezzled or Appropriated Vehicles and Aircraft, with Annexes and a related exchange of notes, signed at Guatemala City on October 6, 1997. I transmit also, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State with respect to the Treaty.

The Treaty is one of a series of stolen vehicle treaties being negotiated by the United States in order to eliminate the difficulties faced by owners of vehicles that have been stolen and transported across international borders. It is the first of these newly negotiated treaties to provide for the return of stolen aircraft as well as vehicles. When it enters into force, it will be an effective tool to facilitate the return of U.S. vehicles and aircraft that have been stolen, robbed, embezzled, or appropriated and taken to Guatemala.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the Treaty, with Annexes and a related exchange of notes, and give its advice and consent to ratification.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *August 31, 1998.*

REFERRAL OF H.R. 1502

Mr. HAGEL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that H.R. 1502 be discharged from the Committee on Governmental Affairs and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENT BY THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces the following appointment made by the Democratic Leader during the August recess.

Pursuant to provisions of Public Law 103-227, the appointment of Barbara Kairson, of New York, as the Representative of Labor to the National Skill Standards Board, effective August 13, 1998.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 2183

Mr. HAGEL. Madam President, I understand that H.R. 2183, which was just received from the House, is at the desk, and I now ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2183) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

Mr. HAGEL. Madam President, I now ask for its second reading, and object to my own request on behalf of my colleagues.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1998

Mr. HAGEL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 1. I further ask that when the Senate reconvenes on Tuesday, it begin consideration of the military construction appropriations conference report under the consent agreement of July 31.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HAGEL. Madam President, I further ask consent that the Senate stand in recess from 12:30 until 2:15 tomorrow, to allow the weekly party caucuses to meet.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. HAGEL. For the information of all Senators, when the Senate reconvenes on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., there will be an immediate rollcall vote on adoption of the military construction appropriations conference report. Following that vote, the Senate will begin consideration of S. 2334, the foreign operations appropriations bill. Members are encouraged to offer and debate amendments to the foreign operations bill so that substantial progress can be made on this important piece of legislation during Tuesday's session. Also on Tuesday, the Senate may consider the Texas compact conference report on a 4-hour time agreement, and any other legislative or executive items that may be cleared for action.

RECESS UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. HAGEL. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 3:59 p.m., recessed until Tuesday, September 1, 1998, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate August 31, 1998:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PETER J. BASSO, JR., OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, VICE LOUISE FRANKEL STOLL, RESIGNED.

THE JUDICIARY

H. DEAN BUTTRAM, JR., OF ALABAMA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA VICE ROBERT B. PROPST, RETIRED.

INGE PRYTZ JOHNSON, OF ALABAMA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA VICE JAMES H. HANCOCK, RETIRED.